

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-16, 18-23 and 25-36 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 14-15, 18, 23, 25-28, 31, 34 and 36 are amended and claim 24 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Various amendments are made for clarity and are unrelated to issues of patentability.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance; (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and/or (3) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. More specifically, the above amendments incorporate allowable subject matter into independent claims and/or amend the claims for clarity of previously claimed subject matter. No new issues are raised. Entry is thus proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 1-6, 8-13, 21 and 22 are allowed and claims 20, 24-29, 31,-34 and 36 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, each of allowable dependent claims 31, 34 and 36 is rewritten into independent form and independent claim 23 is amended to include allowable features of dependent claim 24. Further, dependent claim 18 is rewritten into independent form and to include the features of allowable dependent claim 20. Thus, each of independent claims 18, 23, 31, 34 and 36 defines patentable subject matter. Additionally, as will be described below, all other claims are believed to be allowable.

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The Office Action objects to claims 4, 6, 25, 27 and 28 because of informalities. The claims have been amended in accordance with the Office Action's suggestion. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects 14-16, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (hereafter AAPA) in view of U.S. Patent 6,229,575 to Vaughan. The Office Action also rejects claims 23, 30 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Fig. 5 of AAPA in view of U.S. Patent 5,036,395 to Reimers or Vaughn. The rejections are respectfully traversed with respect to the pending claims.

Independent claim 14 recites a) converting video signals inputted to the display appliance into a plurality of digital video data signals of one or more predetermined formats, b) selecting one of the digital video data signals and digital visual interface (DVI)-encoding the selected data signal, and c) outputting the DVI-encoded digital video data signal, wherein the selecting includes selecting one of the digital video data signals based on whether a predetermined input terminal of the display appliance has received one of said video signals.

AAPA and Vaughn do not teach or suggest at least these features of independent claim 14. More specifically, AAPA and Vaughan do not teach or suggest converting video signals (inputted to the display appliance) into a plurality of digital video signals and selecting one of the digital video data signals and DVI-encoding the selected data signal wherein selecting one of the digital video data signals based on whether a predetermined input terminal of the display

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appliance has received one of said video signals. AAPA and Vaughan do not suggest the claimed selecting.

For at least the reasons set forth above, AAPA and Vaughn do not teach or suggest all the features of independent claim 14. Thus, independent claim 14 defines patentable subject matter.

For at least the reasons set forth above, each of independent claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 14, 18, 23, 31, 34 and 36 defines patentable subject matter. Each of the dependent claims depends from one of the independent claims and therefore defines patentable subject matter at least for this reason.

In addition, the dependent claims recite features that further and independently distinguish over the applied references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-6, 8-16, 18-23 and 25-36 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

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concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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